

Serial No.: 09/837,436

REMARKS

A telephonic interview was had between Examiner Hamilton and Applicants' undersigned attorney on 02 August 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that if Applicants were to move the limitations of Claim 10 into independent Claim 5, and cancel Claims 10, 30 and 35, the case would be placed in condition for allowance.

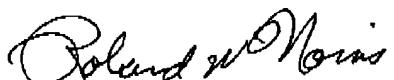
A further telephonic interview was had between Examiner Hamilton and Applicants' undersigned attorney on 16 August 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that if Applicants submitted the form of the amendments and authorized the Examiner to make such amendments by Examiner Amendment, the case would be allowed. Applicants hereby authorize an Examiner's Amendment to the Claims as submitted herewith.

Upon entry of the Amendment by the Examiner, the Claims under consideration are 5, 7, 8, and 11-28. Claim 5 is authorized to be amended as set forth herein. Claims 10, 30 and 35 are authorized to be canceled hereby.

All Claims presently under consideration have been indicated as allowable. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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